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**Inspection Report**

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**Minerals Regulatory Program**

**Date of Report:** August 2, 2007

**Mine Name:** Velvet  
**Operator Name:** U. S. Energy

**Permit number:** M0370040  
**Inspection Date:** June 1, 2007  
**Time:** 4:10-4:25 PM

**Inspector(s):** Paul Baker  
**Other Participants:** None  
**Mine Status:** Reclaimed

**Weather:** Clear, 80s

*Elements of Inspection*

	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Deleterious Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Concurrent Reclamation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Water Impoundments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Soils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Revegetation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Purpose of Inspection:**

The operator reseeded the outcrops last fall, and I wanted to see how vegetation was progressing.

**Inspection Summary:**

**10. Revegetation**

The outcrops have a lot of new seedlings (Photo 1). The surface is hard, but it is very rough (Photo 2). Last year, the vegetation on top of the pad was suffering badly from drought and an overpopulation of rabbits, but it recovered somewhat (Photo 3). The dominant species is blue flax.

**Conclusions and Recommendations:**

The Division and the operator need to continue to monitor this site.

**Inspector's Signature**

*[Handwritten Signature]*

**Date:**

8/6/07

PBB:pb

cc: Ted McDougall, Monticello BLM

Attachment: Photos

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## ATTACHMENT

### Photographs

M0370040, Velvet Mine, U. S. Energy

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Photo 1. This is typical of the outslope. There are lots of seedlings.

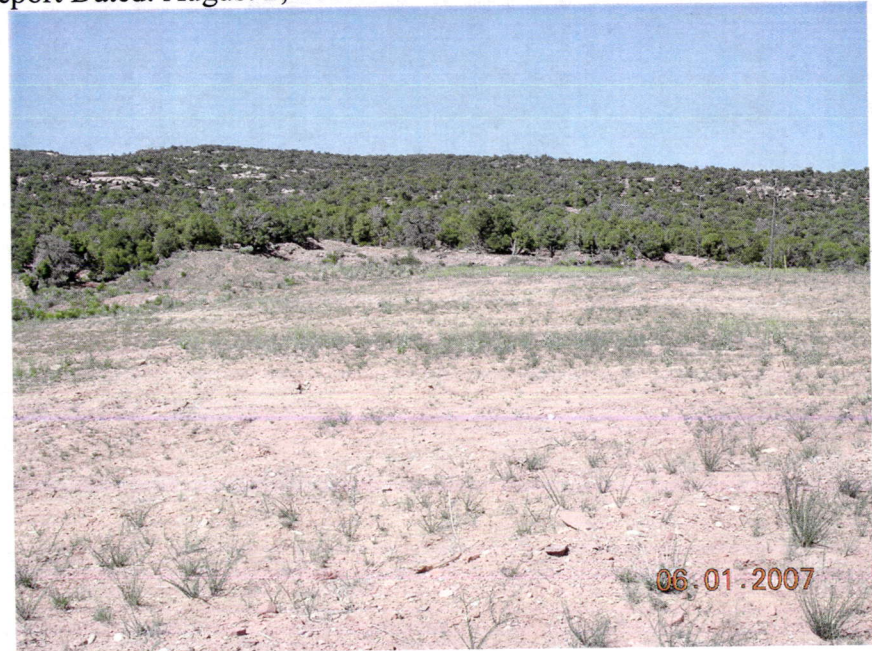


Photo 3. This is the top of the pad. The dominant species is blue flax.



Photo 2. The pad outslope was left very rough.